(a) whether Delhi Administration has blamed the Central Govt, for causing delay in taking final decision in the long delayed Mass Rapid Transit System for Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of times Delhi Administration had urged Central Government to expedite the matter during the last three years;

(c) whether the Central Government have since decided to provide funds to the Delhi Administration for the purpose; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) For reducing congestion on roads, Delhi Administration got a techno economic feasibility study conducted from Rail Indian Technical & Economic Services Ltd. The study has recommended introduction of Mass Rail Transit System over a distance of 184.5 Kms. The Govt, of India has constituted a High Power Committee of Directions under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor of Delhi to go into various aspects including setting up of a single transport authority and identification of funds for the implementation of the project. The matter has been discussed in various meetings. The cost of the project is Rs. 7500 crores (Approx.) at the price level of 1992-93 and cannot be funded from budgetary sources only. Alternative sources of financing the project have to be tied up before the investment decisions are taken.

Cases of Encroachment Tackled by DDA

1410. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the strange ways of DDA functioning as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 23rd March, 1993;

(b) whether cases of encroachments tackled by DDA are on various lines and even the court directives are ignored;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to bring uniformity in taking action against encroachers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to Delhi Development Authority, the two cases referred to in the news item are of different nature. In the first case an attempt for encroachment on the acquired DDA land in vacant park in Khasra No. 33/10 on village Basant Nagar was foiled by DDA on 3-3-93. Since, it was a case of fresh encroachment on DDA park question of allotment of alternative plot does not

In the second case, certain demolitions were carried out by DDA during 1975-76 and eligible evictees were allotted alternative site in the vicinity.